

HOUSE BILL 572

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6;
Title 7; Section 40-24-105 and Title 62, Chapter
20, Part 1, relative to the collection of unpaid
parking tickets in certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

6-54-5___. A municipality shall have no authority to forward to a collection agency unpaid parking tickets for collection without notifying the owner of record of the motor vehicle for which the parking ticket was issued. The notification shall be sent by postal mail to the owner of record of such motor vehicle that such action will occur unless the owner pays the unpaid tickets within thirty (30) days from the date the letter is mailed to such owner. The municipality shall also include in such notification a statement that if the ticket is forwarded to a collection agency for collection, the agency may notify the credit bureau or credit agency of such fact which could affect the owner's credit rating.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-24-105(d), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (4):

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to permit a municipality to employ a collection agency for the collection of unpaid parking tickets in violation of Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-20-120, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (3):

(3) The collection agency to notify a credit bureau or credit agency concerning the owner of record of a motor vehicle who has failed to pay an overdue parking ticket or tickets without first notifying the owner of record of the motor vehicle that if the ticket is

not timely paid to the collection agency by a date included in the notification, the credit bureau or credit agency will be notified of such fact which could affect the owner's credit rating.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.